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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2007. Initially, please consider the arguments as set forth below.

I. **INTRODUCTION**

Claims 14-72 are under consideration in the present application.

II. **FIRST RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that certain groups of claims of above-identified application are allegedly distinct from one another. For such reason, the Examiner believes that the restriction of claims is proper, and now requires Applicants to elect one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 14-55, drawn to a catalyst for producing hydrocarbon;

Group II: Claims 56-71, drawn to a method for producing a catalyst; and

Group III: Claim 72, drawn to a method for producing hydrocarbon.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, i.e., claims 14-55, without traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application, and reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more applications claiming priority from the present application.

Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action is now moot, and should therefore be withdrawn.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application if any issues remain outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

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